

BEET WORKERS' CONDITION BAD?

Witness Tells Committee Colorado Sugar Companies Keep Imported Laborers in Bondage.

HARDSHIPS OF CONTRACT LABOR

Families Forced to Do Work Scorned by All Americans.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUFFER

Producer Asserts Fair Prices Not Paid by Manufacturers.

TARIFF OF DOUBTFUL BENEFIT

James Bodkin of Meade, Colo., Says Farmers Cannot Test Amount of Sugar for Which They Should Be Paid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Depicting conditions in the sugar beet fields of Colorado, James Bodkin of Meade, Colo., today told the "sugar trust" investigating committee of the house that city dwellers, recruited from the slums, were kept practically in a state of bondage. His statement caused a mild sensation.

Mr. Bodkin described a system of contract labor in the Colorado fields and detailed the hardships he charged were inflicted upon working people recruited by the Great Western Sugar company. He said that a man, his wife and several children, ranging from 5 years upward, were put in from ten to sixteen hours a day at "back-breaking work," which an American would scorn to do.

With shrewd farm logic, Mr. Bodkin expressed his contempt for the "city chaps" who were sent by the sugar company to oversee its operations. He also criticized the newspapers in his section of the country.

The committee took great interest in his description of the "slum labor." Democrats, led by Representative Raker of California, sought to show by the witness that the tariff protection levied in the name of American labor did not reach down to the Russians and Hindus who worked in the Colorado beet fields. The Republicans, Representatives Fordney, Hinds and Malby, emphasized the point that Americans would not descend to the labor.

Woman Better Worker

"How much does a woman earn in the field?" asked Mr. Hinds.

"I don't know," answered the witness. "She is a better worker than the man—he is generally the boss—the woman and children do the work."

Mr. Bodkin expressed the belief of the committee of farmers, of which he is a member, that the sugar company was not paying a fair price for beets. He said his crop paid him about \$6.75 a ton.

Mr. Bodkin told the committee that the farmers could not learn how much sugar was in their beets. He said that the accuracy of the polariscope tests of the sugar company, but acknowledged he had no proof of their inaccuracy.

Describes Trade in Denmark

Before W. P. Willitt, New York sugar expert, left the witness described the sugar trade of Denmark for the committee. He recommended the adoption of the Danish system of internal taxation and encouragement of the beet sugar industry by the United States. He said that if this were done sugar would be 15 cents per pound cheaper in the United States, although the internal revenue rate of taxation would be 4 cents per hundredweight. This tax would yield \$5,000,000 of revenue to the government, which now raises \$3,000,000 on the import tax on sugar. He said, answering Representative Fordney, that he had not considered the cost of labor and the method of living in Denmark as compared with the United States.

Mr. Willitt will be called later to describe the sugar trade in other countries.

Ware's Will is Probated

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 6.—Consisting of one typewritten page the will of Eugene F. Ware, who died last week, was filed today in the probate court of Kansas City, Kan. Only members of the family are named as beneficiaries in the estate, which is estimated at \$200,000.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair, cooler.
For Iowa—Generally fair, moderate temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	25
7 a. m.	25
8 a. m.	25
9 a. m.	25
10 a. m.	25
11 a. m.	25
12 m.	25
1 p. m.	25
2 p. m.	25
3 p. m.	25
4 p. m.	25
5 p. m.	25
6 p. m.	25
7 p. m.	25
8 p. m.	25

Comparative Local Record.

Date	High	Low	Mean
Dec. 1, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 2, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 3, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 4, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 5, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 6, 1911	31	19	25
Dec. 7, 1911	31	19	25

Excess for the day 1.1 inches.
Total excess since March 1.13.25 inches.
Deficiency for the year 1911 15.25 inches.
Excess for the year 1910 4.49 inches.
Station and State Temp. High—Rain—Wind—Direction—Force—Time—Fall.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temp.	Wind	Dir.	Force	Time	Fall
Cheney, cloud.	42	59	50			
Davenport, cloud.	42	59	50			
Des Moines, cloud.	42	59	50			
Dodge City, clear.	41	58	49			
Landar, cloud.	41	58	49			
North Platte, clear.	38	55	46			
Omaha, clear.	41	58	49			
Pueblo, cloud.	42	59	50			
Salt Lake City, clear.	38	55	46			
Santa Fe, clear.	38	55	46			
Sheridan, clear.	38	55	46			
Sioux City, cloud.	42	59	50			
Valentine, clear.	38	55	46			

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

The National Capital

Wednesday, December 6, 1911.

The House.

Met at noon. Miscellaneous bills considered under call of committees. J. D. Rockefeller and Rev. F. D. Gates invited to appear Monday before steel committee.

Government estimates attacked as misleading by appropriations committee chairman.

Diplomatic recalls urged by Representative Berger, socialist, on account of Russian passport trouble.

World's sugar prices probed by sugar inquiry committee.

Tariff plans discussed by democrats on ways and means committee.

Congress probably will not act on Persian incident.

Representative Simms claimed the bill abolishing the commerce court would be passed.

The railroad physical valuation bill was introduced by Enoch of Wisconsin.

The mine rescue work government liability bill passed.

Adjourned at 2:35 p. m. until noon Thursday.

The Senate.

Not in session. Meets Thursday at 2 p. m. Lorimer senatorial inquiry resumed.

Monetary commission resumed executive sessions. Anti-trust legislation discussed at senate committee hearing.

Miscellaneous.

The decision of the house committee on expenditures in the interior department to drop the Controller bay investigation produced a break in the committee at an executive session today.

Republican members, who insist that the hearings continue until all sides of the case have been accounted for, probably will continue the fight on the floor of the house.

Scores of congressmen who applied to the sergeant-at-arms of the house for their mileage were turned away empty-handed. All the appropriation for mileage, which averages about \$30,000 for a session, was exhausted at the summer special session of congress. A deficiency bill now will have to be passed before any mileage is obtainable.

After comparative tests on a number of vessels the Navy department has decided to abandon the turbine type of engines for battleships and to substitute the reciprocating engines. This change has been made in the face of the fact that practically all other nations of the world have adopted the turbine engine.

The first filibuster of the present session of congress was made in the house today over acceptance of a bequest of \$20,000 as part of the gift of the Hubbard collection of etchings to the Congressional library.

The gift, made by Mrs. Gertrude Hubbard of this city, entailed obligation for an annual appropriation of \$500 for maintenance. Democratic leader Underwood, to end the fight, moved adjournment.

Negroes with Old Bank Books Throng National Capitol

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Many aged negro men and women gathered in the rotunda of the capitol today, grasping a musty bank book from which they expected to gain restitution of losses incurred in the collapse of the Freedmen's bank here in the early '70s.

"Where do we get the money?" they eagerly asked.

"What money?" replied a capitol policeman.

"The Freedmen's bank claims. This is the day we are to get all the money back."

The excitement was due to a misunderstanding in a local church announcement. Ministers in negro churches last Sunday advised their congregations that a committee had been appointed to see Speaker Clark today to urge further legislation for the relief of the survivors of the thousands of negroes who lost their savings in the collapse of the bank. The committee later saw the speaker.

Gomez and Eight Followers Lynched

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6.—Great excitement reigns at San Geronimo and Oaxaca in connection with the killing of Jose Gomez, leader of the Juchitan rebellion, who was lynched yesterday at Rincon Antonio, with eight of his partisans.

Many of his former followers are flocking to these cities protesting their loyalty to Gomez.

Last night crowds paraded the streets shouting against President Madero.

Special news dispatches from Florida appear to confirm the shooting without process at Helacho, in the state of Yucatan, of thirteen rebels captured by state troops.

Fourteen Are Killed in Riot in Turkey

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 6.—Rioting has taken place at Istib, about ninety miles north of Salonika, consequent on the bomb outrage in a mosque there on December 4, when twelve persons were killed and twenty wounded. The Turkish revenue attacked the Hungarians, whom they accused of being the perpetrators of the outrage, killing fourteen and wounding 15.

NAVAL CONTROVERSY SPREADS TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The controversy over the replacing of Rear Admiral Nicholson as chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department by Commander Phillips Andrew, naval aide to Secretary Meyer, which already had spread from naval circles to members of the house naval affairs committee today was carried to the White House.

Representative Foss of Illinois, Dailist of Pennsylvania and Weeks of Massachusetts called on the president and said the case before him.

Later the president summoned Secretary Meyer.

"That bureau needs reorganization," explained the secretary, "and I intend to have it reorganized."

TESTIMONY MAY BE INCOMPETENT

Oscar Lawler Considering Best Means to Get McNamara Story Before Grand Jury.

INTEREST IN FRANKLIN CASE

Revelations Are Expected When Bribery Trial Begins.

McNAMARAS IN QUAKER CITY

Burns Says They Were Responsible for Explosions There.

HINTS AT FURTHER ARRESTS

Says National Board of Iron Workers Advanced Money and Probably Knew How It Was Used.

BULLETIN.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—James B. McNamara, under sentence of life imprisonment, had other troubles added to his lot today, when he became defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit. The suit is brought by Louise M. Sawyer, widow of Robert L. Sawyer, a telegraph operator employed by the Los Angeles Times and killed in the explosion which wrecked that building on October 1, 1910.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Subpoenas for the McNamara brothers to appear before the federal grand jury had not been issued up to noon today and Oscar Lawler, in charge of the government's investigation into the alleged dynamiting conspiracy, was debating with his assistants about the best way to secure the desired information from the two prisoners.

There is some question, it is said, as to the competency of testimony of a confessed murderer, such as James B. McNamara, under other troubles added to his lot today, when he became defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit. The suit is brought by Louise M. Sawyer, widow of Robert L. Sawyer, a telegraph operator employed by the Los Angeles Times and killed in the explosion which wrecked that building on October 1, 1910.

Mr. Lawler and Edward A. Reagan, assistant United States district attorney here, wrestled with the legal phases of the matter today and as the grand jury does not convene until tomorrow it is expected that no decision would be reached before then.

The brothers spent a gloomy day in their cell, looking out upon bleak, rainy streets.

Sheriff Hammel has orders not to move the prisoners until he hears from Mr. Lawler.

Interest today centered not only on the grand jury proceedings that are to come, but upon expected revelations in the Franklin bribery case, which will be continued on Monday. These two things constitute the angles of the big case still remaining.

The disposition of Orin McNamara has not yet been determined upon, but it is a foregone conclusion that he will testify before the federal grand jury before he is brought to trial by the state and in his case at least the question of competency will be avoided. Malcolm McLaren, the local representative of the detective agency which arrested the McNamaras and McNamara, conferred at length with Mr. Lawler today about the details of McNamara's confession, which was the first big factor in the case against the McNamaras.

McNamara in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—The McNamara brothers were responsible for explosions here which damaged structural iron work on several building operations, according to William J. Burns, the detective who today arrived in Philadelphia from Cleveland.

"Yes," said the detective, "I am positive that both of them were responsible for the explosions here on structural iron work during the last few years, and others are implicated."

Mr. Burns says the investigation here involved the explosion which occurred about a year ago in the cafe of Harry Edwards, fight promoter, which was being reconstructed, and another that damaged the iron being placed in position for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company's elevated road on Delaware avenue and 8th Market street. The work was being done by the American Bridge company.

In these explosions no person was killed or injured, but the damage to the structure of dynamite was found in an alley near the building of the Pittsburgh Plate glass company in the center of the city.

Burns says he has knowledge that one of the McNamaras was registered at a central hotel at the time the explosion in Edwards's Place occurred.

He also said Orin McNamara told him he came here under instructions to blow up a railroad bridge, but when he found the structure was near several tenement houses he feared there would be loss of life.

Asked if any further arrests would be made in what the prosecution at Los Angeles alleges to have been a big conspiracy case, Mr. Burns replied in the affirmative, but he would not mention names.

"Will the arrests include any past or present member of the Structural Iron Workers' union?"

"I do not care to say, but I will say this—the national board of the association appropriated certain sums to John J. McNamara, and in my opinion they knew the money was to be used for dynamiting purposes."

DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETS

Labor Leaders Consider Next Step in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A delay in the arrival of Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, caused a temporary postponement this afternoon of the conference of the ways and means committee of the Federation of Labor Unions in charge of the McNamara defense fund.

Mr. Ryan arrived during the afternoon and the conference was resumed. He refused to make any comment on the situation, further than to say that he would not contest the case in the newspapers with Mr. Burns, who had declared that the president of the Structural Iron Workers had knowledge of the McNamara dynamiting work.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said:

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From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

IOWANS HAVE PIE TO CUT

Many Federal Jobs at Disposal of Administration Soc.

CUMMINGS CALLS CONFERENCE

Two Marshals, Two Revenue Collectors, Two District Attorneys Are to Be Named—Lincoln Gas Case in Court.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Cummings today issued a call to the republicans of the Iowa delegation to meet with him in his office Friday afternoon to confer over some very choice jobs which will soon require refilling in Iowa. It appears that within the next thirty days the terms of two United States marshals and two United States district attorneys will expire and unless reappointed these are good places for a man.

It is said there are a great many aspirants for these places, and the Iowans in congress do not much relish the discussion and disposal of these large plums.

Nebraskans in Washington.

General F. H. Barry of Greeley is in Washington to attend the annual meeting of the board of governors of the National Volunteer Soldiers' home, now in session at the Arlington hotel.

Judge Wolcott of Valentine is in Washington in attendance upon the road road convention, now in session here.

New Building Bill.

Representative Kinkaid today introduced the following building bills: For purchase of site and erection of buildings at Lexington and Broken Bow, \$13,000 each; to construct two buildings at Alliance and Chadron, \$12,000 each.

Senator Brown this morning escorted Fred C. Foster and wife, H. P. Rose and wife and W. M. Morning to the White House and introduced them to President Taft.

Representative Sloan has recommended W. T. Morse to be postmaster at Friend, Neb.

Gas Arguments Ended.

Arguments in the case of the city of Lincoln against the gas company of that city were concluded in the supreme court of the United States this afternoon. This case has come to be known as the dollar gas case and is brought to the United States supreme court on appeal from the decision of the circuit court for the Eighth Nebraska district, which was favorable to the city. Fred C. Foster and W. M. Morning appeared for the city and H. P. Rose for the gas company.

New Postal Banks.

Postal savings banks will be established on January 4 as follows:

Nebraska—Bassett, Butte, Spaulding, Iowa—Ansonia, Laporte City, Livermore, Oxford, Toledo.

South Dakota—Wagner, Willow Lake, Meata B. Aushier of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was appointed a copilot in the Interior department.

V. M. Rechet of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was appointed a stenographer in the Puget Sound navy yard, Washington.

John A. Walker of Lincoln, Neb., was appointed assistant clerk at the Cheyenne River Indian agency, South Dakota; Sidney J. Shick of Fremont, Neb., at Leech Lake agency, Minnesota.

Omnibuses at River Congress.

James L. Paxton, Henry T. Clarke of Omaha and Judge Walcott of Valentine are delegates to the National Rivers and Harbor congress now in session in this city. Today Mr. Clarke was appointed on the resolutions committee of the congress and Mr. Paxton on nominations.

Attorney General Wickersham Better

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Attorney General Wickersham, who suffered an attack of indigestion while attending the cabinet meeting yesterday, was reported improved today. He remained at home to secure the benefits of a day's rest.

AVIATOR AND PASSENGER ARE KILLED BY FALL

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A double aviation fatality occurred at Fife, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, this morning. Hubert Oxley, an aviator, was killed instantly and his passenger, Robert Weiss, suffered injuries from which he died soon afterwards.

Advocate Federal Supervision of All Reclamation Work

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Hearty support of federal control of all reclamation and irrigation projects was urged by speakers before the National Irrigation congress today. R. V. Fletcher, a delegate from Illinois, pointed out that many states were reluctant to surrender their rights and that this tendency retarded the whole reclamation movement.

It was announced that the American Reclamation federation would be formed tomorrow. While it is to be an independent organization the members are to remain affiliated with the Irrigation congress.

"Drainage as a basis for national development" was discussed by W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central railroad, and other speakers, including George H. Maxwell, executive director of the Pittsburgh flood commission.

Six Men and Twenty Fine Horses Killed in Triple Collision

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6.—Six men were killed and five injured today in a triple wreck of two freights and a fast express train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Devil's Bend, near Manor, Pa., twenty-five miles east of here.

The dead:

FRANK DALY, of Irwin, Pa., engineer of the express.

J. H. EHLMAN of Williston, N. D., believed to be a wealthy ranch owner.

ARTHUR BOND of Bradford, O.

BEARDINGHAM, express messenger, Jersey City, N. J.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

There were twenty horses being transported west on the express train and all were killed.

Uhlman is believed to have been in New York buying valuable horses. In his pocket were found receipts showing that he had purchased ten horses for \$4,000.

It is estimated that the total value of the horses killed was between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Negroes Are Burned to Death by Mob at Clifton, Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Two negroes and one young negro were burned to death by a mob of white land tenants who objected to the occupancy of land by negroes, near Savannah, Tenn., yesterday according to meager reports received here today. The lynching is said to have occurred ten miles from Clifton, Tenn. The three negroes were traveling to a gin with a load of seed cotton. They were waylaid and tied to the wagon load of cotton. It is said and the mob, after building a fire beneath the wagon, stood guard until the negroes were cremated.

Rockefeller and Gates Asked to Tell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Fred D. Gates, manager of Mr. Rockefeller's charities, were today invited by Chairman Stanley of the house steel trust investigating committee to appear before the committee next Monday if they care to do so to reply to charges by the Merritt brothers of Minnesota, concerning the \$30,000,000 Mesaba ore properties in Minnesota.

Chairman Stanley's letter to Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates read:

HARLAN AND MANSFIELD WILL BE REAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Taft announced today that he would send to the senate, probably Thursday, the names of James S. Harlan, interstate commerce commissioner, and M. Mansfield, postmaster at Boston, to continue in their positions. Mr. Harlan, who is a son of the late Justice Harlan of the supreme court, will be reappointed for a seventh year.

PENALTY LAW CASE ARGUED

Right of States to Penalize Railroads Before Supreme Court.

ISSUE FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Legislature Passed Law Assessing Penalty of Fifty Dollars a Day for Refusing to Accept Freight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The right of the states to penalize railroads for refusing to receive goods for shipment in interstate commerce was argued today before the supreme court of the United States.